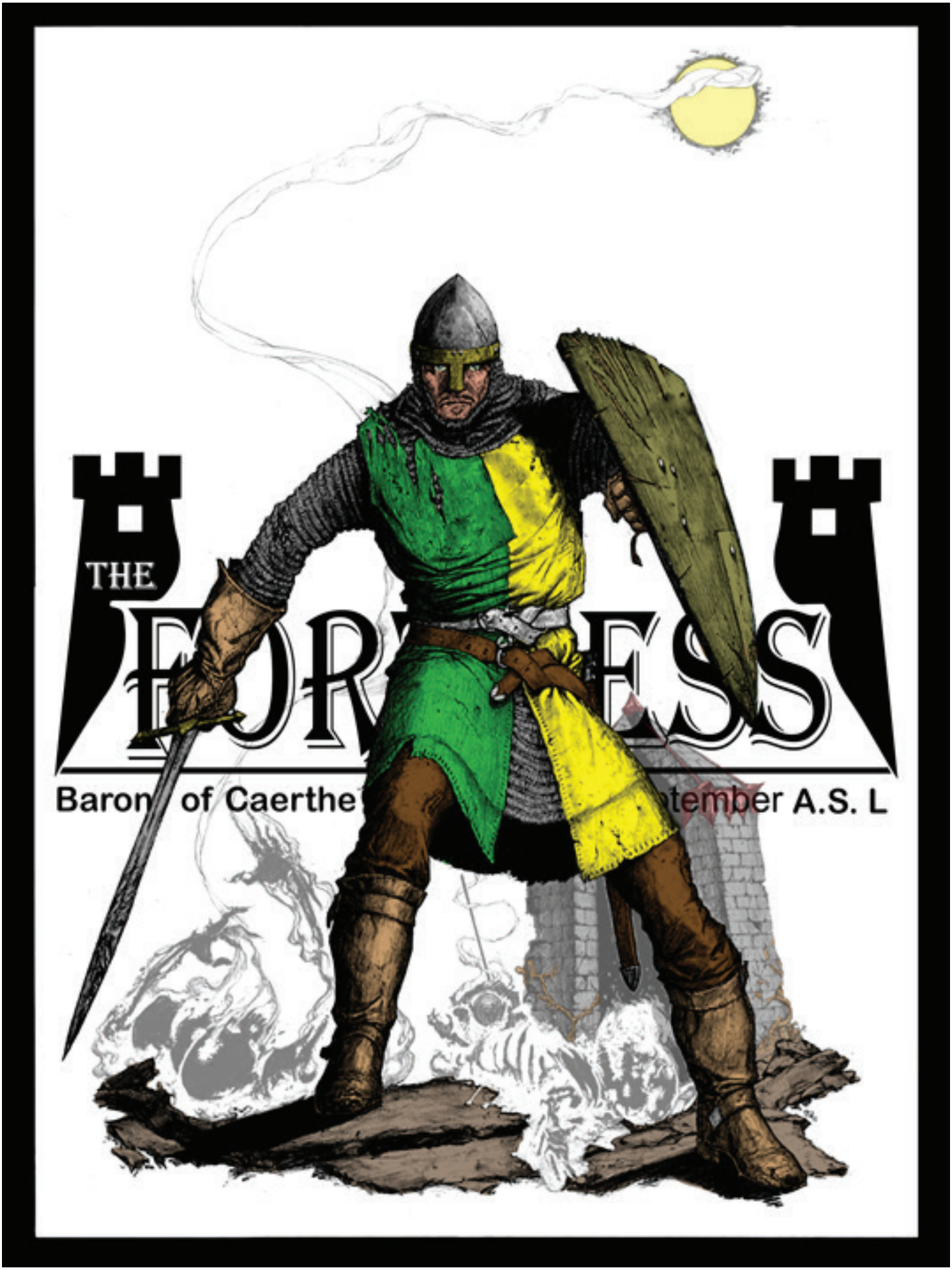
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Baronial Officers

Seneschal -Baroness Morgan Cheyney
Arts and Sciences Minister -THLord Angus Montgomery the Forrester
Aspen Pursuivant - Lady Noelle des Poys
Captain of Archers - Lord Rino
Chronicler - Lord Rian Mac an Ghobhann
Constable— Vacant
Exchequer -Lord Servillo
Hospitaller—Lady Alditha de la Tye
Knight Marsall—THLord Bai Wei Lung
Minister of the Lists—Lady Isabella Richardi
Quartermaster—THLord Angus Montgomery the Forrester
Rapier Marshal—Lady Elaisse Fournier d'Aubiginy
Equestrians - Lady Estefania de las Yeguas
Scribe—Lord Luys de Dos Árboles
Webminister—THLord Ronan Supelach
Youth Officer—Lady Taythen Maculagh

If you are interested in becoming a deputy or an officer, please contact the Seneschal or one of these good gentles.

Baron & Baroness Baronial Household

Baron-Master Domin d'Alsace
Baroness- THLady Celestina Santi
Chatelaine -Mistresss Rivka Vladimirovna Rivkina
Ladies in Waiting -
Lady Pettronella Pártaszövõ
Ladyy Alditha de la Tye
Helena d'Aincurth
Guards -
Ladyy Guenguiu myrgh Guentigern
Warlord -THL Ronan Supelach
Sword of Chivalry -Trevor
Premier Blade - Lady Elaisse Fournier d'Aubigny
Blade of Chivalry -Lord Gauvain Eisenbein
Black Glove -Lady Caelainn ingen Chaemgein hui Thaidc
Archery Warden -Dougal Bishop
Archery Warder -THL Angus Montgomery the Forrester
Equestrian Champion - Lady Estefania de las Yeguas
A&S Champion - Lady Killian MacKenzie
Blackthorn Bard -
Lady Pettronella Pártaszövõ

Seneschal Column

Greetings Caerthe!

Battlemoor is upon us, and I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.
I would like to take a moment to encourage you to take an hour or so out of your time to volunteer. There is much work to be done; as as the saying goes "many hands make light work." There are many ways to help, and I am sure that every one of us could find something to help with.

Remember, the Baronial Business Meetings will be set back a week, to Sept. 14, due to the Labor Day holiday. We will be discussing a winter event, so bring your bids and join us!

In Service,

Baroness Morgan, Seneschal of Caerthe.

REMINDER
The September Populace Meeting will be on September the 14th (the second Monday of the month)
Due to Battlemoor and the Labor Day Holiday!!!!

Arts and Sciences

12 Classes, 12 Ideas for 12th Night

To prepare for 12th Night, 12 classes will be scheduled. These classes will feature a "make and take" gift idea that may be given as a personal gift or largess. The majority of the classes will follow the Russian theme of 12th Night. The classes will be held at various locations within the Barony of Caerthe. Please check the SCA Yahoo Groups for class descriptions and times.

Lady Killian MacKenzie

About the cover artist:

The cover was inspired by heavy figher's in melee during war. It was inspired by scenes from previous Battlemoors.
The artist was Ld. Rian Mac an Ghobhann, a 14th century Irish man who dabbles in woodworking, scribal arts, archery and fights for those he believes in.

MKA Rick Wiese, a professional Graphic Designer, Comic Book artist and cover artist published in several different places throughout the media world and holds several awards for his art and charity contributions in the art world.

Lady Killian's Arts and Sciences Article

The mention of the using gouache sends scribes running to all corners of the kingdom. Using gouache to write your script is not any different than what the monks in the scriptorium used. What could be more period that making your own non-toxic ink. The process is not difficult. Some scribes master making this ink on the first try, others have to practice. Being a master of any form of art or science takes practice, time, and patience.

The following are the steps for making your own ink.

Things to remember:

1.Using color requires that you have a separate nib for color. The nib used with bottled ink or black gouache leaves a black residue in the nib. When you dip into the color, the nib releases the black residue into the color. You now have a muted color, not a true color.

2.Use a glass jar with a tight fitting lid. Cost plus has those tiny jam jars that work perfectly. Baby food jars work, but they can leak.

3.Mix the gouache to near working consistency the night before. Cover with the lid. Allow pigment to absorb the moisture. The gouache will have a smoother consistency for writing.

1.Use distilled water. Do not use tap, filtered or bottled waters. Some waters have been known to cause negative results in the gouache.

5. If the gouache has dried out, add a drop of water and mix. Add a drop at a time until the ink is the consistency that you like. This means that each time that you add the drop of water, you have to mix the ink. And then you have to test the mixture by writing. If the mixture is old, just add a bit more gouache and mix. You may need to add a few drops of water. Unless the gouache is slimy, smells, or is crusty, I never throw it out.

6. As you work, keep the nib or quill clean. Use a 100% linen cloth. Paper towels and rags may leave fibers in the nib, and dissolve into the jar of ink. The ink sometimes dries out rather quickly on the nib. Wipe the nib with the cloth. Then dip the nib into clean water. Wipe the nib dry. You may have to add a few drops of water to the ink and stir as you work. You always need to test the ink on scrap paper to make sure the ink will flow. This is same process used by the medieval monks. Bottled inks have chemicals within the formula to insure flow of the ink.

7. DO NOT buy acrylic gouache. If you can only afford one or two colors, buy black and red. I highly recommend Winsor & Newton Designers Gouache. Their gold is wonderful. Gives the appearance of shell gold. I have also had excellent results with Holbein gouache for years. Grumbacher changes their formulas every time the company is sold, which is often. Cheaper brands do not have quality control that Winsor & Newton or Holbein.

8. If the tubes dry out, do not throw away. Open the bottom of the paint tube and scrape out what you can into a glass jar. Just add drops of water into the scraped paint. I soak my dried out paint tubes in water to retrieve every speck of paint. Now you either have pan paint or ink for writing.

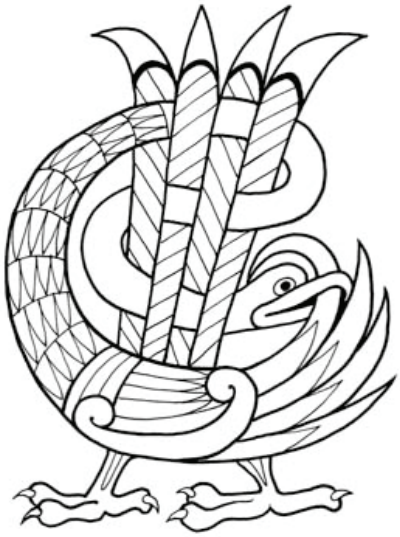
9. **Making the Ink:** Squeeze out about 1/4"of gouache into a glass jar. Mush down the pigment with a cheap flat bristle brush. Have on hand one brush per color and one for black color. Add a drop of water. Mix together. Add a total of 5 drops. Mix after each drop. An eye dropper or a pipette is good for controlling the drops. Test the consistency of the ink by writing. Test writing on a scrap of the paper that you plan to use. If the gouache is too thick, add more water and mix. Test again. Continue this process until the gouache is the consistency you like. The ink should sit on top of the paper. The letters should not be fuzzy or bleed into the paper. You have to do this mixing each time you write.

Always test your ink, whether you use gouache of bottled ink. Not all papers and inks work together. The mixture should be creamy and fluid. About ¼" of gouache equals a half a page of writing of text.

Some days I am lucky to do a large piece of writing with this amount.

Lady Killian MacKenzie

Editor's Note:
Due to the length of the article and some technicle issues at the last minute, we were unable to publish the research portion of this lovely article done by Lady Killian. For this we apologize, and hope that you enjoyed the Tips on how to make gouche inks.



Cantons and Colleges

Hawks Hollow

Seneschal:
Mistress Dianne Doria
Exchequer:
Baron Estavon de la Vega
Herald:
THL Jibra'il 'Attar
A&S Minister: Lady Killian MacKenzie
Webminister: Master Jethro Stille

Business Meeting:
The Canton has a monthly business meeting which usually occurs on the fourth Tuesday of each month (this is occasionally moved due to scheduling conflicts) at 7:00pm, and ends before 9:00pm.
Location: Westminster Grange - 3935 West 73rd Ave Westminster, CO 80030.

Website: http://www.hawkshollow.org/

Scola Metallorum

Seneschal - Aurelia de Verda
Knight Marshal - Finvid
A&S Minister -
Ciar ingen Tuathal

Fighter Practice -
Mondays @ 6:30 PM Student Center

A&S Gatherings -
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM Hill Hall 300

Ravenhyrst

Seneschal:
Lord Fergus Campbell
Exchequer:
Lady Katrein Adler
A&S Officer:
Lady Crestina da Brescia
Herald: Lord Kristof Corvinus
Captain of Archers: Lord Corbàn Maculagh
Webminister: Lady Anneka of Hoglund
Knight Marshal: Lord Sunak Danthuen
Hospitaller: Lady Anneka of Hoglund

Arts and Sciences nights are happening every other Friday at Lady Crestina's house.

Fighter Practice happens every Sunday at 1 P.M. at Red Tail Hawk Park in Aurora.

Website: http://www.ravenhyrst.org/

Guilds

Bardic Circle: on hiatus

Children's Guild: Lady Hawisia de Groote & Lady Taethen Maculagh

Cooks Guild: Mistress Gwen Cat

Equestrian Guild: Lady Estefania de las Yeguas - 7025 Meadowbrook Ln, Sedalia

Fiber Guild: THL Hannah d'Avila - last Thursday

Herbal & Apothecary Guild: Baroness –on hiatus

Jewelers' Guild: Dona Arcadia de Medina

Lampworkers' Guild: Baroness Celestina Santi

Leatherworkers' Guild: THL Angus Montgomery the Forrester - 2nd & 4th Sundays

Medieval Embellishments Guild: Lady Marie Dooley - 2nd Tuesday @ TASC

Scribes Guild: Luys de Dos Árboles - 3rd Thursdays-8983 Cloverleaf Cir, Parker CO

Watch the Yahoo! and/or Facebook groups for updates on these Guilds.
If interested in starting a guild, contact the Baronial seneschal at:
seneschal@caerthe-sca.org

Every third Thursday of the month is the Scribes Guild Meeting.
Come out to our house and do some scribing!
- try out some gold leaf
- take a look through the Caerthe scribal library
- try out some new tools or styles
- swap in-progress works with your fellow calligraphers / rubricators / illuminators
- or just come and enjoy the company!

Location: 8983 Cloverleaf Cir, Parker CO 80134 (near E-470 & Jordan)
Time: 6:30 pm
Cats: we have two

Please join the Caerthen Cooks' Guild for an afternoon of cooking in crockery. We will be trying out a couple of our new cooking pottery items, but feel free to bring yours if you wish, or ingredients and recipe for your favorite fire pit dish. Or bring a dish to round out our cooking efforts. A grill will also be available. Bring a camp chair if you have one. In case of inclement weather, we will cook inside using the fire place.

We will meet Sunday, September 13th, at 12:00 at the home of Mistress Kate. E-mail or call for directions: mdheuser AT yahoo . com or 720-272-0473. Time will be 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

September 2-7	Kingdom	Battlemoor VI
September 11-13	Canton of Hawk's Hollow	Long's Peak Highland Festival (DEMO)
September 18-19	Canton of Hawk's Hollow	Northglenn Pirate Festival (DEMO)
September 19	Canton of Ravenhyrst	Ravensfaire
September 26	Barony of Caer Galen	Bow, Bridles and Blades

Baronial and Canton Practices

Scout Park	Sunday 9 AM	Outdoor Archery	124-132 E 112th Pl, Northglenn
Gander Mountain	Monday 6:30 PM	Indoor Archery	14000 E Jewell Ave, Aurora
T.A.S.C.	Wednesday 6:30 PM Thursday 6:30 PM	Fighter Practice Rapier Practice	12445 E 39th Ave #509, Denver, CO
Rocky Mountain Archery Gear	Tuesday 7 PM	Indoor Archery	4298 Kipling St Unit B, Wheat Ridge
Red Tail Hawk Park	Sunday 1 PM	Fighter Practice (Heavy/Rapier)	Aurora
Quick Draw Archery	Wednesday 7 PM	Indoor Archery	12339 Mead Way, Littleton
School of Mines Student Center	Monday 6:30 PM	Fighter Practice	1500 Illinois St, Golden

A Note from the Chronicler and the Fine Print

Greetings,

As always, this is a work in progress, and all changes will be complete by next month. This is the final layout of the redesigned Fortress.

I am currently working on a design to make the newsletter available to the whole populace of Caerthe. This will be done by setting up a place that you can go and download the .pdf file for each month. This way you will not have to wait for me to email you to get that month's edition. This will also aid in the archival process for the Barony itself, and allow everyone to send people to one site to see what is going on in the Barony.

I would like to remind everyone that sends articles to the Fortress, please refrain from using Google Docs. While it is a very handy program to use, it does not allow for the editor to grab your images, and it also slows down the computer while working with several windows open to get each month's Fortress put together.

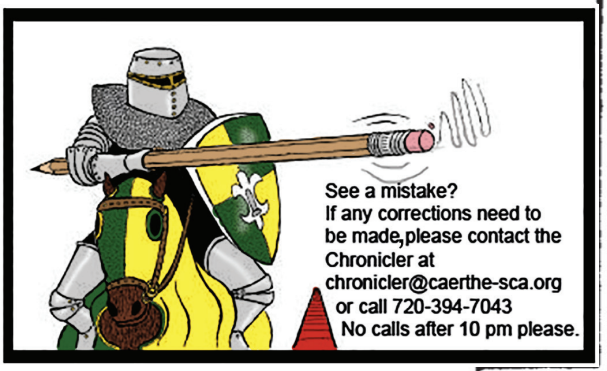
Also, please keep your articles to one page only. This is to keep us from publishing a book each month, and it also allows for a streamlined newsletter. We cannot publish a full research document that is ready for competition each month, even though I do enjoy reading them.

Until next month,
YIS

Ld. Rian Mac an Ghobhann

The deadline for submissions to The Fortress is the 20th of the month prior to publication.
Any photos, artwork, or articles submitted outside of Officer Letters or Event Flyers will need to have the accompanying Re-lease Form included. These forms can be found on the Kingdom webpage here: http://www.online.outlands.org/forms
No mundane names, contact information (personal E-Mail addresses or phone numbers), or photos of individuals can be published with-out the appropriate release form being provided.
Last page advertisements are available at no charge for Barony members who provide an SCA-related service. (Sorry...no home refinancing or telecommunications discounts!)

Disclaimer:
All information within this edition of The Fortress is assumed accurate at the time of publication. This information may change at any time, as announced on the Baronial and/or Canton Yahoo groups.
Any inaccuracies or missing information are not intentional. Please send any corrections to chronicler@caerthe-sca.org.
If you have any suggestions on how to improve The Fortress, please seek out Lord Rian Mac an Ghobhann or send your feedback to the E-Mail address above.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If any corrections need to be made,please contact the Chronicler at chronicler@caerthe-sca.org or call 720-394-7043
No calls after 10 pm please.

THE ART OF SWORD AND CHIVALRY

T.A.S.C.

TASC is open Monday through Thursday, 6 PM to 11 PM with the following regularly scheduled activities:

Tues	Archery
Wed	Baronial Armored Combat Practice
Thurs	Baronial Rapier Practice

Fridays - Sundays are available for events or other specific trainings. Class schedules are varied.

Daily Use Punch Cards are $10/per punch/per day. ($20 for families).

Memberships are available as follows:

Individual	$50/month
Family	$80/month (includes up to 4 children under age 19)

Observers and non-martial related activities (such as classes) are at no cost. Fees may apply for class materials and/or use of the armory work space, and will be announced ahead of time.

Members receive (1) free pass for a non-member per month, and have a private locker for gear storage. For additional information about membership rates or benefits, please contact Sir William Flannagan.

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Please visit our website at
www.dirkandarrow.com
Or drop us an e-mail at
lordandlady@dirkandarrow.com

The official Social Media communication channels for the Barony of Caerthe have changed!

Official Facebook Presence:
Barony of Caerthe, Outlands, SCA
https://www.facebook.com/caerthe.sca

Official Yahoo Group:
baronyofcaerthe@yahoogroups.com
Official communications will go through the above Social Media sites, The Fortress, and on the Baronial website. There remains an unofficial populace discussion group on Facebook.

The unofficial populace discussion group can be found in the Facebook Groups directory as:
Populace of Barony of Caerthe

Ravensfaire

Canton of Ravenhyrst
09/19/2015
OPENS: 10:00AM CLOSES: 8:00PM
Douglas County Fairgrounds - Kirk Hall 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80104

Event Steward: THL Medb Duinfeichin (Rae Gerold-Smith)
medb.duinfeichin@comcast.net 303-875-0639

Site Fee: Adult - $5.00, Children ages 5-16 - $3.00, children under 5 are free. Non-member surcharge - $5.00. No family cap because of reduced site fee.

Make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Canton of Ravenhyrst"

Site is Dry

Come to the Raven's Faire for laughing and singing!
Everyone will be there fighting and dancing
To the tap of the drum and the ching of the bell!
Tell all your friends there's going to be a party at the Ravens Faire!

Join the Canton of Ravenhyrst as we play in the halls of Valhalla! This year the traveling Ravens Faire will visit Asgard and the Norse gods in all their glory. This year's Faire will be a fun and activity filled day. There will be something for everyone!

Activities:

Games – Dice games, board games, games of skill and chance, for adults and children!
Make and Takes – Viking hats, Viking Bling, Knotwork Cards, Viking Shields, Viking Longboats, Lucet Cord Weaving
Games of Prowess – Obstacle Course, Bottle Jousting, Toga Honk, Hunkerhauser, Boffer Combat, Arm Wrestling, Thumb War, Jugger, Boasting Competition, Riddle Contest, Kubb – Viking Bowling.
Mock Court – Sue your neighbor, sue your wife. For a modest fee you can bring your grievance to the mock court to be decided. Win your lawsuit and see your opponent thrown in jail and/or fined. Lose your suit and suffer the same fate.
Barter Bag Game
Childrens Maze - explore the tunnels and caverns below Asgard. Decorate the cave walls.
Fortune Teller - have your runes read by the Seer and see what the future has in store.
Norse God Scavenger Hunt
Food - The Honorable Lord Chef Reynhard von Reutte will prepare an a la carte menu for all to enjoy, for a modest fee. The Board plans include venison pasties, beef stew, chicken treats, Viking pancakes with fruit jams, and other delicacies. Beverages are complementary.
Additional details will be posted to the event website.

Come to the Ravens Faire!